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AHRC-OPL-C**

**Title
FISCAL YEAR 2017 ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

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1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 30 DECEMBER 2014.

2. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EDUCATES SELECTED ARMY SERVICE MEMBERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE CONGRESS. IT IS A 43 MONTH PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES PURSUIT OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, SERVICE ON THE STAFF OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND UTILIZATION ON THE ARMY OR JOINT STAFF IN A CONGRESSIONAL RELATED DUTY POSITION. THE PROGRAM SEEKS SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING PROMOTION POTENTIAL. PARTICIPANTS BEGIN THE FELLOWSHIP WITH A HQDA ORIENTATION PROGRAM, WHICH EDUCATES FELLOWS ON HQDA OPERATIONS AND THE ARMY'S POSITION ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. THE ORIENTATION INCLUDES A VARIETY OF MEETINGS, SEMINARS, AND EDUCATIONAL READINGS. THE ACADEMIC PORTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP INCLUDES THE PURSUIT OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (GWU) AND BEGINS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE HQDA ORIENTATION WITH AN INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM OF STUDY. THE GWU MASTER'S IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PROGRAM IS A RIGOROUS 11 COURSE PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON CONGRESS. THE CURRICULUM EXPOSES STUDENTS TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL EXPERIENCE. THE PROGRAM IS PRIMARILY COMPOSED OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS, WHICH OFFERS ARMY FELLOWS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH STAFFERS THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH ON CAPITOL HILL AND DURING FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENTS IN THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON ARENA. FELLOWS ENROLL IN CORE COURSES AND ELECTIVES IN THE SUMMER AND FALL 2016 SESSIONS. FELLOWS TAKE ELECTIVE COURSES IN AREAS OF THEIR CHOOSING, PURSUE INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES, AND COMPLETE COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS DURING THE PROCEEDING SPRING AND SUMMER 2017 SESSIONS WITH THE GOAL OF EARNING THE MASTER'S DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS BY THE END OF SUMMER 2017. THE CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE – IN JANUARY 2017, FELLOWS BEGIN THEIR ASSIGNMENT ON CAPITOL HILL BY SERVING ON THE STAFF OF A MEMBER OF CONGRESS OR ON A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE. FELLOWS ARE TYPICALLY GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING LEGISLATION, ARRANGING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, WRITING SPEECHES AND FLOOR STATEMENTS, HANDLING DEFENSE RELATED CONSTITUENT ISSUES AND BRIEFING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS AND FLOOR DEBATE. THE CAPITOL HILL EXPERIENCE ENDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 115TH CONGRESS (APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 2017).

3. FELLOWS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ILE PHASE II (AOC) AND BE ILE (MEL4) COMPLETE PROVIDING THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: COMPLETE ILE COMMON CORE THROUGH A 14 WEEK ILE SATELLITE COURSE OR THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING, COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND BE IN ZONE FOR ATTENDANCE OR SELECTION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

EDUCATION.

4. ILE STATEMENT: STARTING WITH YEAR GROUP 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT YEAR GROUPS, INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL EDUCATION (ILE) ATTENDANCE IS GOVERNED BY ARMY DIRECTIVE 2012-21, OPTIMIZATION OF INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION (OILE). OFFICERS COMPETING FOR, OR SELECTED UNDER OILE TO ATTEND A 10-MONTH RESIDENT VENUE AND SELECTED FOR A BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM APPROVED FOR AOC CREDIT, ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE 14-WEEK SATELLITE COURSE. IF YOUR BROADENING PROGRAM TIMELINE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND ILE IN THE YEAR YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, YOU MUST SUBMIT AN ILE DEFERMENT OR CHANGE OF VENUE TO DISTANCE LEARNING REQUEST IAW THE ANNUAL ILE MILPER MESSAGE OR CONTACT YOUR CAREER MANAGER FOR ASSISTANCE.

5. SELECTION PROCESS: THE U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND (HRC), FORT KNOX, KY ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP SELECTION PANEL WILL CONVENE 12 THROUGH 15 MAY 2015, TO SELECT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO FORWARD TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON (OCLL) FOR THE FINAL SELECTION OF FELLOWS. CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE HRC SELECTION PANEL RESULTS IN JUNE 2015. FINAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER 2015.

6. PROGRAM TENURE/LOCATION: NON-AMEDD ACTIVE COMPONENT FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. ARMY STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT JACKSON, SC; RESERVE COMPONENT FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OCAR, WASHINGTON, DC; AMEDD FELLOWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE AMEDD STUDENT DETACHMENT, FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX; ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FELLOWS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, ARLINGTON, VA. FELLOWSHIP BEGINS IN MAY 2016 AND COMPLETES JANUARY 2018. MILITARY FELLOWS WILL SERVE AN IMMEDIATE TWO-YEAR UTILIZATION TOUR THROUGH DECEMBER 2019.

7. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED:

A. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FELLOWSHIP, MILITARY FELLOWS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A TWO YEAR UTILIZATION TOUR.

B. ALL SERVICE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM INCUR TWO SEPARATE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS (ADSOS) IN THE U.S. ARMY. ADSOS WILL BE THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE PERIOD, COMPUTED IN DAYS, FOR EACH DAY SERVED IN THIS PROGRAM. ONE ADSO WILL BE FROM PURSUING A GRADUATE DEGREE AND THE SECOND ADSO WILL BE FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY A COMBINED FOUR YEAR ADSO. BOTH ADSOS WILL BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY WITH EACH OTHER, BUT WILL BE SERVED CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER CIVILIAN ADSOS.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: (ALL ARE NON-WAIVERABLE)

A. ACTIVE COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) CAPTAINS MUST BE FROM YEAR GROUPS 2007 THROUGH 2009, AND MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(2) MAJORS MUST BE FROM YEAR GROUPS 2003 THROUGH 2005, AND MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED INTERMEDIATE LEVEL EDUCATION.

(3) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(4) MAJORS MUST HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

(5) DEMONSTRATES AND SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(6) NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE PAID FOR BY THE U.S. ARMY. (THIS MEANS THE TUITION AND FEES WERE SOLELY FUNDED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. TUITION ASSISTANCE DOES NOT APPLY.)

(7) MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST ONE "KEY DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENT", IAW DA PAM 600-3, FOR CURRENT GRADE.

(8) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

(9) HAVE OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS UPLOADED AND READABLE IN IPERMS, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(10) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8, E.

B. RESERVE COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) BE AN ACTIVE GUARD RESERVIST (AGR). (TPU, IMA, AND IRR RESERVE CANDIDATES MAY PARTICIPATE IF THEY SUBMIT THE STATEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH NINE A (6)) (IF SELECTED AS A CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW, AMEDD TPU, IMA, AND IRR CANDIDATES MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE AHRC, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION CHIEF IN ORDER TO BE ACCESSED INTO AGR STATUS.)

(2) HAVE A BASIC ACTIVE SERVICE DATE (BASD) OF 1 JULY 2002 OR LATER.

(3) HAVE A MANDATORY RETIREMENT (MRD) DATE OF 1 JULY 2024 OR LATER.

(4) MAJORS MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TIME IN GRADE (TIG) AS OF MAY 2016. (WAIVERS MAY BE GRANTED FOR MORE SENIOR APPLICANTS IN FUNCTIONAL AREAS 46 (PUBLIC AFFAIRS), 51 (ACQUISITION), AND AMEDD IF APPROVED BY YOUR CAREER MANAGER.)

(5) CAPTAINS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(6) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(7) DEMONSTRATES AND SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(8) MUST NOT HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR ANY OF THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop), WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

(9) HAVE OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS UPLOADED AND READABLE IN IPERMS, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(10) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8, E.

C. ARNG COMPONENT OFFICERS:

(1) HOLD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN OR MAJOR. (MAJORS MUST NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR

YEARS TIME IN GRADE AS OF MAY 2016.)

(2) BE IN THE TITLE 10 AGR OR TITLE 32 AGR PROGRAM.

(3) CAPTAINS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE.

(4) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(5) DEMONSTRATES AND SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(6) TITLE 32 AGR AND TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY) SOLDIERS MAY APPLY TO PROGRAM IF THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL (TAG) SUBMITS IN THE PACKAGE AN APPROVED AND SIGNED TAG RELEASE MEMORANDUM.

(7) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8, E.

D. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS:

(1) BE ACTIVE COMPONENT OR ACTIVE GUARD RESERVIST OR NATIONAL GUARD.

(2) HOLD THE RANK OF E9/SERGEANT MAJOR OR COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR.

(3) HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS TIME IN GRADE AND 1 YEAR AS OPERATIONS SERGEANT MAJOR OR EQUIVALENT AT TIME OF SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(4) HAVE NO LESS THAN SIX YEARS UNTIL RETENTION CONTROL POINT (RCP) OR MANDATORY RETIREMENT DATE (MRD) IS REACHED, AS OF MAY 2016.

(5) BE A GRADUATE OF THE U.S. ARMY SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY OR JOINT SPECIAL OPERATION FORCES SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY (JSOFSEA) EQUIVALENT, AT TIME OF SUBMITTING REQUEST.

(6) MEET ARMY HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION.

(7) DEMONSTRATES AND SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "WARRIOR ETHOS".

(8) HAVE OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS UPLOADED AND READABLE IN IPERMS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

(9) MEET THE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 8, E.

E. ALL CANDIDATES:

(1) POSSESS A BACHELOR DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.

(2) HAVE AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 OR BETTER. (NOT REQUIRED IF YOU ALREADY POSSESS A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE.) CANDIDATES THAT OBTAINED A BACHELORS GPA BELOW 3.0 AND DO NOT HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE MUST SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC READINESS, SEE PARAGRAPH NINE A (7). CANDIDATES THAT OBTAINED A BACHELORS GPA LESS THAN 2.8 AND DO NOT HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE OR A JURIS DOCTORATE MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE GRADUATE RECORD EXAM.

(3) NOT BE AT RISK FOR PROMOTION.

(4) HAVE EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ARMY SERVICE.

(5) HAVE THE INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND ABILITY TO INTERACT AND FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

(6) BE ABLE TO COMPLETE FULL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

(7) BE ABLE TO SERVE/COMPLETE A TWO YEAR UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

(8) BE ABLE TO BEGIN FELLOWSHIP ON OR ABOUT 01 MAY 2016.

(9) NOT CURRENTLY FLAGGED OR HAVE ANY TYPE OF ADVERSE ACTIONS PENDING.

9. HOW TO APPLY: ONLY FOR AC AND RC COMPONENT CANDIDATES. ARNG CANDIDATES PLEASE GO TO PARAGRAPH TWELVE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

A. NOT LATER THAN 30 DECEMBER 2014, EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL IN *.PDF FORMAT. SUBJECT TITLE OF EMAIL "REQUEST TO COMPETE FOR B.O.P.":

(1) DA FORM 4187 (PERSONNEL ACTION) WITH THE INFORMATION BELOW:

BLOCK 1	TYPE THE ADDRESS OF THE APPROVER THAT WILL SIGN/ENDORSE YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.
BLOCK 2	TYPE IN AHRC, ATTN: MR. STROUT, 1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVE, FORT KNOX, KY 40122.
BLOCK 3	YOUR MILITARY ADDRESS.
BLOCK 4	YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL.
BLOCK 5	YOUR CURRENT GRADE/RANK AND CAREER FIELD/MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SERIES.
BLOCK 6	YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.
BLOCK 7	LEAVE BLANK.
BLOCK 8	CHECK LINE TITLED "OTHER" AND TYPE IN B.O.P.
BLOCK 9	HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK WITH YOUR SIGNATURE.
BLOCK 10	TYPE IN THE DATE YOU ARE SIGNING YOUR DA FORM 4187 REQUESTING TO COMPETE.
SECTION IV REMARKS	(A) TYPE IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMPETE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(S) IN ORDER OF MY PREFERENCE: (LIST THE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS YOU WISH TO COMPETE FOR IN ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCE. SEE PARAGRAPH ELEVEN FOR A LIST OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE).
	(B) MY DLAB SCORE IS _____. DATE TAKEN _____. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE DLAB TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES THE DLAB SCORE, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S)

	YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES A DLAB SCORE INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE DLAB TEST.)
	(C) MY GRE SCORES ARE: VERBAL REASONING _____; QUANTITATIVE REASONING _____; ANALYTICAL WRITING _____. DATE TAKEN _____. (IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE GRE TEST OR IF NONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES, TYPE IN NONE. IF ANY OF THE PROGRAM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR REQUIRES GRE SCORES INDICATE WHEN YOU WILL TAKE THE GRE TEST.)
	(D) MY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GPA IS _____.
	(E) MY GRADUATE DEGREE GPA IS _____. (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE TYPE IN NONE. DO NOT TYPE IN YOUR GPA IF YOU ARE STILL PURSUING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE)
	(F) I UNDERSTAND I WILL INCUR OBLIGATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE MILPER MESSAGE(S) ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM(S) I AM APPLYING FOR. I AUTHORIZE HRC TO RELEASE ALL DOCUMENTS TO ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE THEM IN CONNECTION WITH MY NOMINATION TO A B.O.P.
	(G) I UNDERSTAND IF I AM APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM I MAY NOT RECEIVE MY FIRST PREFERENCE AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND MY SELECTION OR NON-SELECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE SELECTION PANEL'S ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) OF THE PROGRAM(S) I AM REQUESTING TO COMPETE FOR. I UNDERSTAND IF I AM SELECTED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE PROGRAM(S) I AM COMPETING FOR, I WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM AND I WILL ACCEPT THE PROGRAM I WAS SELECTED FOR.
	(H) MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: _____.
BLOCK 11	YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND COLONEL OR HIGHER MUST RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO COMPETE.
BLOCK 12	TYPE APPROVER'S SIGNATURE BLOCK.
BLOCK 13	APPROVER MUST HAND SIGN OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THIS BLOCK.
BLOCK 14	TYPE IN THE DATE THE APPROVER SIGNS THIS FORM.

(2) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE EXPLAINING REASON(S) WHY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM. (TYPED IN MEMORANDUM FORMAT, IAW AR 25-50, NO LONGER THAN 500 WORDS. PLACE YOUR NAME/GRADE ON STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT: "WHY I SHOULD BE SELECTED AS AN ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW".)

(3) CIVILIAN RESUME WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IN-ORDER: NAME, CURRENT GRADE, MAILING ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS, BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY WORK EXPERIENCE, WITH DATES (DON'T GO BACK MORE THAN FIVE JOBS),

EDUCATION (INCLUDE TYPE OF DEGREE, DEGREE MAJOR, DATES ATTENDED UNIVERSITY, GRADE POINT AVERAGE, AND NAME OF INSTITUTION), BRIEF ACCOUNTING OF LANGUAGES, SPECIAL SKILLS, AND INTERESTS.

(4) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR). MINIMUM OF TWO AND A MAXIMUM OF FIVE. ONE LOR MUST BE FROM CURRENT COMMAND. (LOR CAN BE IN LETTER OR MEMORANDUM FORMAT. ADDRESS LOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SELECTION PANEL. (SUGGESTION: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PROGRAM HAVE THE RECOMMENDER RECOMMEND YOU FOR "ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM" INSTEAD OF A SPECIFIC PROGRAM.) FORMAT MUST BE IAW AR 25-50.)

(5) ONLY NCOS AND NON-AGR CANDIDATES: MUST SUBMIT THEIR CURRENT RECORD BRIEF.

(6) ONLY TPU, IMA & IRR OFFICERS: SIGNED AND DATED STATEMENT STATING "IF SELECTED FOR ANY BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM I AM APPLYING FOR, I AGREE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT INTO THE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) PROGRAM FOR THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM (INCLUDES UTILIZATION ASSIGNMENT) I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS AN USAR AGR, MY MILITARY RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE END OF MY INITIAL THREE-YEAR AGR TOUR. IF THE REVIEW OF MY MILITARY RECORDS IS SATISFACTORY, I WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF EITHER 1) BEING PLACED ON AGR INDEFINITE STATUS, OR 2) REVERTING BACK TO MY ORIGINAL RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPU, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZATION. IF THE REVIEW OF MY MILITARY RECORDS IS UNSATISFACTORY, I UNDERSTAND I WILL REVERT BACK TO MY ORIGINAL RESERVE STATUS (IRR, TPU, OR IMA) AFTER COMPLETING THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, INCLUDING UTILIZATION. I ALSO UNDERSTAND I WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROGRAM IF I AM NOT ACCESSSED INTO THE AGR PROGRAM." (TYPED, IN MEMORANDUM FORMAT AND IAW AR 25-50. TYPE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR) STATEMENT".) IF SELECTED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR AN AGR APPOINTMENT.

(7) CANDIDATES WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 AND NO GRADUATE DEGREE ONLY: STATEMENT EXPLAINING YOUR ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT. ALSO STATE THE CIRCUMSTANCE(S) OR WHY YOU OBTAINED AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA BELOW 3.0 (I.E. PLAYED FOUR YEARS OF A D1 ATHLETIC SPORT, OR SWITCHED PROGRAMS, FAMILY EMERGENCY, ETC) (TYPED, IN MEMORANDUM FORMAT AND IAW AR 25-50, NO MORE THAN 1 PAGE IN LENGTH, PLACE GRADE AND NAME UNDER TITLE OF STATEMENT. TITLE STATEMENT "ACADEMIC READINESS TO BE A GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT".)

(8) CANDIDATES WITH A BACHELORS GPA BELOW 2.8 AND WITHOUT A GRADUATE DEGREE OR JURIS DOCTORATE ONLY: COPY OF CURRENT GRADUATE RECORD EXAM SCORES. (TEST DATE MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF MAY 2016.)

(9) MOST CURRENT DA FORM 705 (ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORE CARD) AND DA FORM 5500 (BODY FAT CONTENT), IF APPLICABLE. IF DATE OF TEST IS NOT WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.

B. DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AFTER 30 DECEMBER 2014 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR INCLUDED INTO YOUR APPLICATION PACKET. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NOT LISTED IN PARAGRAPH NINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

C. CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR OFFICIAL MILITARY PHOTO AND RECORD BRIEF IS UP-TO-DATE. CANDIDATES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR EVALUATIONS ARE UP-TO-DATE IN IPERMS. UPDATES MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING REQUEST TO COMPETE.

D. YOUR NOMINATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY YOUR CAREER BRANCH AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL STATING YOUR STATUS.

E. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE WAIT AT LEAST TEN WORKING DAYS, AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR REQUEST, BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY INQUIRIES.

10. ANY APPLICATION PACKET THAT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPH NINE ABOVE, WILL BE RETURNED TO CANDIDATE AND MAY RESULT IN MISSING THE SUBMISSION SUSPENSE DATE AND NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

11. FOR THE MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER FOR EACH OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE GO TO [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop).

A. AVAILABLE BROADENING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS ARE:

(1) ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

(2) ARMY CYBER COMMAND SCHOLARSHIP.

(3) ARROYO CENTER FELLOWSHIP.

(4) BRITISH ADVANCED COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE. (IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop))

(5) CGSC INTERAGENCY POST MEL4 FELLOWSHIPS. (IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop))

(6) CSA – STRATEGIC STUDIES GROUP. (IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop))

(7) DOD INFORMATION ASSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

(8) GENERAL WAYNE A. DOWNING SCHOLARSHIP.

(9) HQDA HARVARD STRATEGIST PROGRAM.

(10) HQDA STRATEGIC BROADENING SEMINARS.

(11) JCS/OSD/ARSTAF INTERNSHIP.

(12) OLMSTED SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

(13) SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES, ASIA PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES FELLOWSHIP. (IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop))

(14) U.S. ARMY TRADOC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

(15) WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. (IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR ANY OTHER PROGRAM LISTED AT [HTTP://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/BOP](http://www.hrc.army.mil/bop))

B. ANY PROGRAM ADDED TO YOUR PREFERENCE LIST THAT IS NOT FROM THE LIST ABOVE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

12. ARNG CANDIDATES PLEASE SEND COMPLETE PAPER APPLICATION PACKET TO THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, ATTENTION: MS LINDA CONLIN, 1636 DEFENSE PENTAGON, NGB-ROOM 1D 165, WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1636 NOT LATER THAN 16 MARCH 2015. FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MS. LINDA CONLIN AT LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAILMIL OR 703-607-5477. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX](http://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX). ARNG TITLE 10 CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A DA 4187 SIGNED FROM THEIR OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), G-STAFF COLONEL. TITLE 32 AGR AND TRADITIONAL DRILLING (M-DAY), NATIONAL GUARD CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT AN APPROVED AND SIGNED TAG RELEASE MEMORANDUM. EXAMPLE OF THE DA FORM 4187 AND MEMORANDUM ARE PROVIDED AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX](http://WWW.NATIONALGUARD.MIL/LEADERSHIP/JOINTSTAFF/PERSONALSTAFF/LEGISLATIVELIAISON/CONGRESSIONALFELLOWSHIPPROGRAM.ASPX).

13. PLEASE READ THIS MILPER COMPLETELY, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR QUESTIONS TO:

A. AC & RC COMPONENT CANDIDATES: JOEL.D.STROUT.CIV@MAIL.MIL.

B. ARNG CANDIDATES: LINDA.B.CONLIN.CIV@MAIL.MIL.

14. CONCLUSION:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS THREE FOLD: (1) PROVIDE OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEMBERS WITH STRONG PROMOTION POTENTIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ARMY AND CONGRESS; (2) EXPOSE AS MANY CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF ARMY SERVICE MEMBERS. ALSO, TO HELP CONGRESS LEARN ABOUT THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION THROUGH CONTACT WITH ARMY FELLOWS WORKING IN THEIR OFFICE; AND (3) DEVELOP A POOL OF OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS FROM WHICH SOME MAY BE SELECTED FOR FUTURE UTILIZATION IN THE FIELD ON CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON. OFFICERS AND SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS LOOKING FOR A FAST PACED, EXCITING, AND BROADENING OPPORTUNITY ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BEST CANDIDATES FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS OPPORTUNITY.